

# **Yukoners have**



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# **IT'S TIME WE SHARED IN THE BENEFITS**

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## **THE FORGOTTEN OBJECTIVE**

The Northern Affairs Program of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is charged with implementing the National Objectives - one of which is:

“To further the evolution of self-government in the Northern Territories.”

It is deliberately subverting this objective.

## **WHAT NORTHERN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN DOING:**

- obstructing the settlement of Yukon Indian land claims by blocking the one-government system upon which the claim is based;
- entrenching Yukon's colonial status by developing policies on land use and conservation to maintain Ottawa's control over Yukon land and resources;
- interfering in the development of relations between the Yukon Government and other federal departments and agencies.

## **DIAND—GOVERNMENT BY BUREAUCRACY?**

Northern Affairs is interpreting its mandate to coordinate government activities, programs and policies in the north to mean that it has “quasi-provincial powers for ... Yukon,” and therefore has the right to formulate and implement general northern policies. This interpretation of its mandate is in direct contravention of the National Objective set by the Federal Cabinet to further the evolution of self-government in Yukon.

## **YUKONERS DESERVE A FAIR DEAL**

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# A BAD DEAL



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# **LAND CLAIMS HAVE BECOME A BAD DEAL FOR ALL YUKONERS —**

## **HERE IS WHY:**

Because the Northern Program of the Federal Government is obstructing the one-government system upon which the land claim settlement is based.

## **WHAT IS THE ONE-GOVERNMENT SYSTEM?**

- \* ***ONE SYSTEM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE***
- \* ***ONE SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT***
- \* ***ONE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION***
- \* ***ONE SYSTEM OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS***
- \* ***ONE SYSTEM TO MANAGE RENEWABLE RESOURCES***
- \* ***LAND FOR ALL YUKONERS***

The traditional way for settling land claims in Canada has been through the treaty making process which has set Indian people apart from the mainstream of Canadian society. The Yukon Indian Claim is different.

The Yukon Government fought long and hard to get the other parties to agree to the one-government system since the beginning of land claim negotiations in 1973.

## **WE WANT THE ONE-GOVERNMENT SYSTEM TO WORK!**

A final agreement signed under the conditions now imposed upon us would result in one segment of Yukon's population getting outright ownership of over 7,000 square miles of Yukon's best land and the rest of the people being guaranteed nothing!

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# **ONE GOVERNMENT FOR ALL YUKONERS**

## **HERE IS WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO WORK:**

- \* LAND FOR ALL YUKONERS**
- \* FEDERAL MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THE SETTLEMENT**
- \* A SETTLEMENT THAT IS FINAL**
- \* PROTECTION AGAINST OUTSIDE CLAIMS**

### **THESE ARE THE ISSUES.**

Without all of these issues being resolved, a fair land claims settlement isn't in the cards.

### **WILL THE NORTHERN PROGRAM DEAL WITH US?**

The Government of Yukon will return to negotiations only when these issues are resolved.

A full information package on background and progress of Yukon land claim negotiations is available.  
**TO OBTAIN THIS PACKAGE:**

**PHONE:** 667-5811, or  
**WRITE:** GOVERNMENT OF YUKON,  
Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

# **YUKONER'S DESERVE A FAIR DEAL**

The Yukon's land area comprises 186,300 square miles or 119 million acres.

This vast territory stretches from the Arctic Ocean to the 60th parallel. Located in the northwestern section of Canada, Yukon is bordered on the west by the State of Alaska, on the east by the Northwest Territories, and on the south by the Province of British Columbia.

Within this land are impressive icefields and magnificent mountain ranges. One mountain range, the awesome St. Elias, contains Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak.

Crystal-clear lakes, rivers and streams, forested valleys, spectacular flora and fauna and reserves of minerals, oil and gas make Yukon one of the most attractive and valuable areas of Canada.

The 24,000 Yukoners who reside in or near the many varied Yukon communities are the custodians of Yukon's land. For these people, land allocation, land ownership, and land use are vital immediate concerns.

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## **THE BURDENS: COLONIAL-STYLE GOVERNMENT**

Yukon is suffering the burden of being treated as a colony. Its citizens are denied the kind of democratic self-government enjoyed by southern Canadians. Yukoners fought with distinction in two World Wars to preserve the democratic rights and freedoms that many Canadians take for granted. We pay our taxes and shoulder the other burdens of Canadian citizenship without having the same benefits.

## **NO LAND**

Yukoners have no land. Of Yukon's 186,300 square miles, less than two tenths of one percent (.002) is managed and controlled by Yukoners. Ottawa bureaucrats control the rest. Yukoners are tenants in their own land.

## **NO RESOURCE REVENUES**

Yukon is a treasure house of natural resources. These resources are being developed for the economic well-being of Canada. Yukoners receive no share.

## **A SHARE IN THE BENEFITS: YUKONER'S CLAIM**

- THE SAME KIND OF SELF-GOVERNMENT ENJOYED BY SOUTHERN CANADIANS
- 15-20% OF YUKON'S LAND BY 1987
- A FAIR SHARE OF RESOURCE REVENUES

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